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**STATUS INQUIRY**

A review of our files indicate that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on February 3, 2004, in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee was paid on April 27, 2004, as evidenced by the attached copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal. However, since then applicants have not received any Issue Notification from the Patent Office regarding issuance of the Letters Patent. Inquiry is made as to when the Letters Patent will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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